

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**SUBJECT:** Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund - FY 2013 Intended Use Plan and Projects Targeted for FY 2013 Loan Assistance

**TO:** FY 2013 Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund Applicants

**FROM:** Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program

**DATE:** September 28, 2012

### **Introduction:**

Section 606(c) of the Water Quality Act of 1987 requires the State to develop an annual plan that identifies the intended uses of its Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund and to prepare a list of projects targeted for financial assistance with those funds. Following public comment and final Board action, the list of targeted projects for financial assistance becomes the State's yearly clean water revolving loan project priority list.

### **Funds Available:**

The federal appropriation for the nation's Clean Water State Revolving Funds for FY 2013 has not been approved yet but Virginia's share is expected to be in the range of \$10-20 million. State matching appropriations, along with the accumulation of monies through loan repayments, interest earnings, and de-allocations from leverage accounts should make an additional \$50+ million available for funding new projects. These funds, in accumulation, will result in at least \$60 million becoming available during the 2013 funding cycle.

### **FY 2013 Program Development**

On May 31, 2012 DEQ solicited applications from the Commonwealth's localities and wastewater authorities as well as potential land conservation applicants and Brownfield remediation clientele. July 13, 2012 was established as the deadline for receiving applications. Based on this solicitation, DEQ received thirteen (13) wastewater improvement applications requesting \$53,083,546 and one (1) stormwater management application for an additional \$1,060,650.

All 13 wastewater applications were evaluated in accordance with the program's "Funding Distribution Criteria" and the Board's "Bypass Procedures". In keeping with the program objectives and funding prioritization criteria, the staff reviewed project type and impact on state waters, the locality's compliance history and fiscal stress, and the project's readiness-to-proceed. The list of wastewater applications in Attachment A is shown in priority funding order based on the Board's prioritization criteria. The one stormwater application was reviewed in accordance

with the Board's Priority Ranking Criteria for Stormwater projects, in consultation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. All applications are considered to be of good quality and should provide significant water quality and environmental improvement.

Based on these considerations, the Board approved the staff recommendation to authorize funding for \$54,144,196 for all 14 projects as shown on Attachment B.

### **Public Participation**

The Board is presenting its draft list of targeted FY 2013 loan recipients for public review and comment. A public meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7 in the Department of Environmental Quality's 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. The public review and comment period will end immediately following the public meeting. Comments or questions should be directed to Mr. Walter Gills, Department of Environmental Quality, Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23218, telephone number (804) 698-4133, or e-mailed to [walter.gills@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:walter.gills@deq.virginia.gov). Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the presenter.

Attachments